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1. On 1 March, two troop trains were loaded at the Oranienburg railroad station. The trains, probably bound for Vogelsang, left in the direction of Loewenberg. One train was loaded with about 35 AT guns, three rocket launchers and 30 trucks. The other train was loaded with 30 tanks. All equipment came from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.
2. On 24 February, 90 to 100 men practiced bridge building 1.5 kilometers south of Bernburg. One amphibious car, 20 pontoons, 21 trucks and three pontoons with outboard motors were used. 25X1
3. On 17 February, 14 T-34 tanks, six armored cars, 30 motorcycles, seven trucks with AA guns, 12 trucks towing 57-mm guns and an additional 200 trucks of the 8th Guards Army left their barracks in Grimma and proceeded into the woods west of Hochweitzschen near Doebeln. On 18 February, 50 trucks, five busses, two T-34 tanks, two armored reconnaissance cars and soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets returned from the Klosterholz woods south of Grimma. At 0600 hours on 19 February, almost all barracks in Grimma were vacant. On the evening of 20 February, trucks towing AT guns and mortars returned to the barracks. On 23 February, the following troops who had participated in the exercise were observed falling in line: 500 men in the Strassburg Kaserne, 150 men each with engineer and signal insignia in the eastern section of the Elsner Kaserne, and 120 men in the western section. On 18 February, trucks of the 65th Mortar Brigade of the 6th Artillery Division with 24 x 120 mm mortars were observed passing through Grimma, south to east.¹
1. Comment. This observation supports the assumption that units from Grimma also participated in the exercise of the 8th Mechanized Division. The exercise was held prior to 20 February and possibly extended as far as the area east of Riesa. The participation of the 65th Mortar Brigade is also confirmed. 25X1

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